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1. About 4:30 p.m. [redacted] October 1953, [redacted] heavy truck traffic at the Delius Kaserne-Nord in Potsdam. Incoming trucks were loaded with billeting equipment, while outgoing trucks were empty and proceeded toward Wildpark. Trucks [redacted] Their drivers had red-bordered black epaulets. On the Werdow-Wildpark highway, [redacted] a convoy consisting of [redacted] loaded with billeting equipment and towing a gun and 4 prime movers [redacted] each towing a 122-mm field gun. At the Wildpark freight station, 150 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets were seen loading billeting equipment on trucks. One empty train of 15 to 20 flatcars and several boxcars was seen leaving the railroad station. On [redacted] October the barracks installation was 40 to 50 percent lighted.
2. On [redacted] the Delius Kaserne-Sued was occupied to capacity. At darkness, all quartering buildings were lighted. On [redacted] about 120 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia were seen entering the barracks installation. On [redacted] 3 x 122-mm field guns were parked in front of the garages. On [redacted] 50 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia entering the installation. No training activities were observed in the billeting area or at the Bornstedter Feld training area. Motor vehicles [redacted]
3. On [redacted] the Hohenlohe Kaserne and the Ludendorff Kaserne only quartered a guard detail.<sup>1</sup>
4. Prior to [redacted] the Unteroffizier Schule quartered about 300 VP personnel. On [redacted] that the VP unit had left and that the installation had been reoccupied by a Soviet army unit. On [redacted] the installation quartered about 300 men with red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity or motor vehicle traffic was observed between [redacted] October.<sup>2</sup>
5. On [redacted] the Adolf-Hitler Kaserne quartered about 200 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. No training activity was observed between [redacted] October.<sup>3</sup>
6. On [redacted] the Kriegsschule quartered about 600 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On [redacted] observed 60 to 80 men entering the installation from the Bornstedter Feld training area, while about

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50 men were doing sports on the athletic field and 30 men were engaged in firing with carbines at the target ranges at Katharinen Holz. On [redacted] in the Katharinen Holz area, about 200 men armed with carbines and submachine guns and about 20 officers nearby. About 10 trucks and 2 sedans were also seen. Soldiers engaged in advance combat practice firing were seen in the area. Truck [redacted] was observed leaving the Kriegsschule.<sup>4</sup>

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7. Prior to [redacted] source was unable to determine the strength of the unit quartered at the barracks installation in Wildpark West. On [redacted] trucks [redacted] were identified near the installation.

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8. On [redacted] the Polizei Kaserne quartered about 300 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was observed prior to [redacted] Truck [redacted] was seen in front of the installation.

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9. On [redacted] the Kavallerie Schule at Kranznitz quartered 6,000 to 7,000 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets and blue-bordered black epaulets with tank, signal and motor transport insignia. No troop units were observed returning to the installation. No training activity was noticed between [redacted]

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On [redacted] about 300 men engaged in close combat practices, about 205 men doing basic training and about 60 men engaged in athletic exercises in the billeting area. About 80 men were seen dismantling a ruined building and another 40 men doing maintenance work on a tank parking lot north of the barracks installation. Two T 34/85 tanks were seen engaged in driving practices. Motor vehicle [redacted] were observed in the training area of the installation. Motor vehicle numbers identified at the installation included

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10. On [redacted] the Ludowickoff Kaserne quartered about 200 men. No training was observed between [redacted]

11. On [redacted] the Hohenzollern Kaserne quartered about 400 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. On [redacted] about 60 men were being inspected in the billeting area. About 3 a.m. on [redacted] 3 trucks and about 20 men were observed leaving the installation. [redacted]

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12. On [redacted] the northern and southern sections of Delius Kaserne quartered about 1,400 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. On [redacted] about 30 men doing sports in the southern portion of the installation; motor vehicles [redacted] were observed in front of the installation. No units were seen returning to the barracks installations at Fedlitz. However [redacted] on [redacted] that there was a change in the number of troops stationed there.

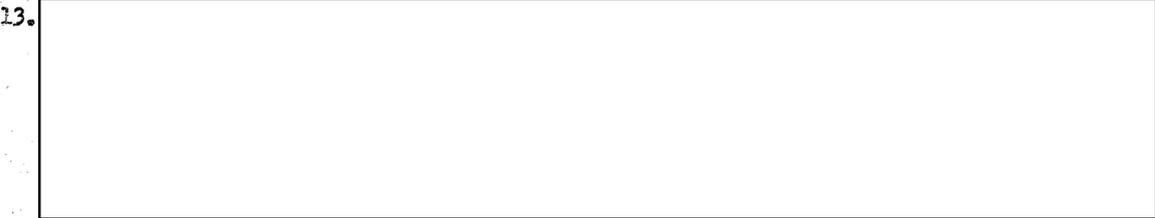
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On [redacted] the Kavallerie Schule at Kramnitz still quartered 4,000 to 5,000 men. Between [redacted] the same training activity was observed as during the preceding days. Mainly fatigue duties, maintenance work on tanks and motor vehicles and infantry training in small details were observed. Security measures were increased between [redacted]

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On [redacted] some of the civilian workers employed at the installation were not admitted to their places of work. One truck loaded with slates was returned at the gate of the installation [redacted] a Soviet lieutenant tell the driver of the truck to go home because no work was being done on this day. At 7:20 a.m. on [redacted] two trucks occupied by a total of 60 soldiers at the main gate of the installation. These soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and new overcoats and visor-type caps were apparently recruits. Another estimated 60 recruits were seen between two quartering buildings. On [redacted] JS-III tanks in shed [redacted] while [redacted] soldiers were seen doing maintenance work on JS-I and JS-II tanks in sheds [redacted]

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doing construction work on the athletic field on Reiterdamm. On [redacted] some [redacted] ce observed trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] JS-I and JS-II tanks [redacted] in front of sheds [redacted] and SP gun [redacted] in front of shed [redacted] About 8 a.m., [redacted] 200 to 300 men with red-bordered black epaulets and tank insignia march to the tank and motor vehicle garages. This detail included a lieutenant colonel whom [redacted] last year with SP guns in shed [redacted] this office [redacted] was the commanding officer of the SP battalion. The EM were quartered in buildings [redacted] 4 T-34 tanks leave the installation [redacted] toward the training area, 4 x 57-mm AT guns in shed [redacted] and 25 to 30 trucks. [redacted] No engineer units were observed at the installation between [redacted] Contrary to observations made in the previous year, buildings [redacted] only quartered an average of 80 to 100 men. [redacted]

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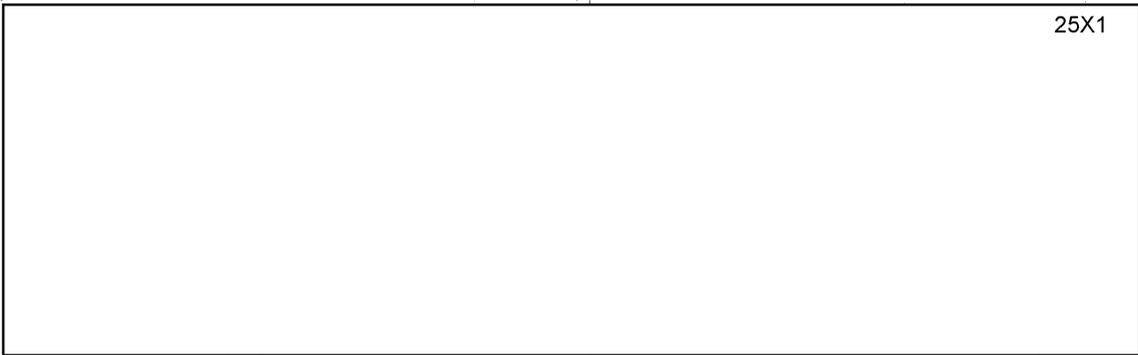
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On 19 October, [redacted] a convoy of 13 to 14 prime movers towing 3 or 4 truck trailers occupied by personnel who wore red-bordered black epaulets and about 10 x 122-mm or 152-mm guns proceeding through Friedrich Ebert Strasse toward the barracks installation at Hedlitz, at 9:20 a.m., about 11 a.m. and after 7 p.m.

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[redacted] the three convoys seen had been detained at the Wildpark railroad station. [redacted]

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17. On [redacted] the Delius Kaserne-Sued was apparently occupied to capacity. Sentries seen there wore red-bordered black epaulets some of them with artillery insignia. On [redacted] jeep [redacted] occupied by two officers was seen leaving the installation toward Neditz. 25X1

18. At darkness on [redacted] the Delius Kaserne-Nord was fully lighted. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 6 p.m. [redacted] 11 trucks were seen leaving the installation toward Neditz. About 6:30 p.m. on 19 October, truck [redacted] occupied by about 20 men with spades were seen entering the installation from the direction of Bornstedt. 1 25X1

19. On [redacted] the windows of all buildings of the Kriegsschule were lighted except for the headquarters building. On [redacted] on the drill ground, about 30 men doing field training, 45 officer candidates engaged in aiming practices with carbines and a detail of 50 officer candidates with map cases leave the installation toward Neditz. 4 25X1

20. On [redacted] the Adolf-Hitler Kaserne was fully lighted. On 18 October, [redacted] six driving school trucks [redacted] leave the installation toward Bornstedter Feld. The trucks returned about 2:30 p.m. 3 25X1

21. On [redacted] 23 trucks [redacted] 2 ship trucks with [redacted] and another 15 to 20 trucks were unloaded at the Potsdam railroad station. [redacted] officers who had been stationed at the Delius Kaserne-Nord in the last spring, another shipment of 30 trucks was seen on another track. About 9 p.m. on [redacted] 3 prime-movers towing 122-mm guns, 2 prime-movers loaded with personnel, truck [redacted] and sedan [redacted] entering the Ludendorff Kaserne from the direction of Potsdam [redacted] on prime-movers. At 7:30 a.m. [redacted] a convoy of 10 trucks and 7 tank trucks in front of the Wildpark railroad station. 4 25X1

22. On [redacted] that the Unteroffizier Schule which had previously quartered VP personnel was occupied by Soviet soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Soldiers were observed unloading boxcars. Truck [redacted] was identified. 2 25X1

23. On [redacted] the Unteroffizier Schule quartered 150 to 200 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On [redacted] truck [redacted] loaded with mattresses was seen entering the installation from the direction of Ruinenberg Kaserne. About 1 hour later, the same truck left the installation empty toward Ruinenberg Kaserne which quarters VP personnel. Trucks [redacted] were identified near the Unteroffizier Schule. 25X1

24. On [redacted] the Polizei Kaserne quartered soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The installation was not occupied to capacity. On [redacted] many soldiers were seen proceeding between Unteroffizier Schule and the Polizei Kaserne. [redacted] 25X1

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- 25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. These previously reported shipments from Altengrabow and the training area of the Eighth Gds Army which were dispatched by the 34th Arty Div (US) carried the following units:
- 25X1 [redacted] Elements of the 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig from Altengrabow which moved to the Delius Kaserne-Nord.
- 25X1 [redacted] Elements of the same brigade and units of the 148th Gun Arty Brig (US); the latter brigade again moved to the Hohenlohe Kaserne and Ludendorff Kaserne.
- 25X1 It is believed that the component units of the above-mentioned division were distributed as follows after [redacted] Division headquarters and unidentified gun artillery brigade, Delius Kaserne-Sued; 30th Gds Gun Arty Brig, Delius-Kaserne-Nord; 148th Gun Arty Brig (US), Hohenlohe Kaserne and Ludendorff Kaserne.
- 25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. In early October, the Untereffizier Schule was probably occupied by an administrative unit of the Soviet army. It is not clear whether the installation was completely vacated by the KVP. [redacted] believed to belong to air force and GDFG unit as well as to elements of the 34th Arty Div (US).
- 25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. The statement that the Adolf Hitler Kaserne quartered only 200 men is at variance with the last reported status of the installation and the statement that all the windows of the installation were lighted on [redacted]. It appears that the installation quartered a motor transport unit which also conducted driving school.
- 25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. According to available information, only a portion of the Kriegsschule was used by the officer school of the GDFG. [redacted]
- 25X1 5. [redacted] Comment. So far the barracks installation at Wildpark -West has been carried as probably quartering a signal unit of GDFG. [redacted]

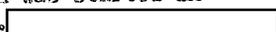
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6.  Comment. It is believed that the last units of the 10th Gds Tank Div arrived at their quarters at the Kavallerie Schule in Kranpnitz on 12 October. Component units of this division are also stationed in Brandenburg. . The 131st Gds Engr Bn of the division was observed detraining on 8 October.  In connection with the annual rotation of personnel which was started in mid-October, recruits very probably arrived in Kranpnitz. 

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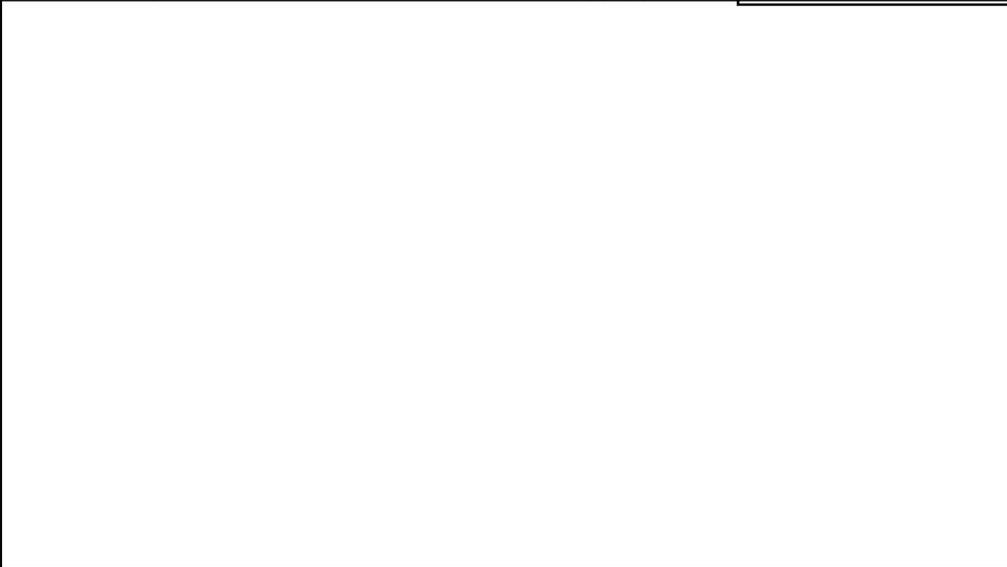
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